

"administered by a registered nurse." Does this mean that an RN could be pulled away from her duties and would have to train these new employees and if it does, well who pays for this cost?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Hefner, again, I would have to say there isn't much point in having one nurse's aide train another nurse's aide and certainly a registered nurse is the best qualified. I received several letters from registered nurses and associations saying they supported this bill and they thought that the training should be given by an RN or possibly an LPN under the direction of an RN. On Select File I may offer that amendment, but certainly an RN or an LPN who has received a great deal more training.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, and then one last question. Does this bill mean you have to have forty hours before you can do one day's work or could you start working and then get your training a little bit.....

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Hefner, the bill states that within ninety days after you are employed you have the forty hours training, so you get the training on the job.

PRESIDENT: One minute more.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Higgins. I guess I would still have to oppose this bill because I feel it would be very costly for the nursing homes and I feel that they are doing this at the present time. They are training their employees so that they will do a good job. In visiting some of the nursing homes in northeast Nebraska, I think they are doing a terrific job and I guess I just feel that this here is a bill to harass them a little more, therefore, I will oppose the bill.

PRESIDENT: Very well, the Chair would advise that we have six minutes left, Senator Higgins, six minutes left on the full discussion and there are six or seven people with lights on. The Chair recognizes next, Senator Goodrich. Oh, excuse me, before Senator Goodrich I have on the speaking order, Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I, too, would rise to oppose this bill. It appears to me that what we have here is a department coming to us and trying to tell us what to do as a Legislature, number one. Number two, it appears to me that...I understand Marge's concern for care homes because of what apparently happened to her mother, but my observation in Grand Island at least, as I have been through these homes is, that we